

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1. Claim Amendments

The Applicant has amended claims 7, 13, and 16. Applicant respectfully submits no new matter has been added. Accordingly, claims 1-22 are pending in the application. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

2. Examiner Objections – Specification

Claims 1-4, 6, 8-18, 20, and 22 were rejected in view of the Applicant's admitted Prior Art ("AAPA"). According to the Examiner, the Applicant described subject matter in the specification at page 3, lines 12-17, page 6, lines 23-29, page 21, lines 13-27, page 22, line 23-page 23, line 2, page 25, lines 5-14, page 25, line 23-page 26, line 2, and page 27, lines 4-12 that was by another, therefore, this statement is construed by the Examiner that this statement constitutes an admission of prior art and any subject matter associated with these statements are construed to be prior art applicable to the claims. Applicant notes that the Specification did not have section headings delineating which portions were "Background" and which portions described the present invention. Applicant has amended the Specification to more clearly define which portions thereof relate to the background of the invention and which portions relate to a description of the invention. Hence, those elements of the present invention which were deemed to be AAPA due to their inclusion in a section of the Specification interpreted as the "background" of "prior art" section of the Specification are now clearly in the portion of the Specification which describe the invention, and hence, are no longer AAPA.

3. Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a)

Claims 5 and 19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over "AAPA". Applicant notes that the Specification did not have section headings delineating which portions were "Background" and which portions described the present invention. Applicant has amended the Specification to more clearly define which portions thereof relate to the background of the invention and which portions relate to a description of the invention. Hence, those elements of the present invention which were deemed to be AAPA due to their inclusion in a section of the Specification interpreted as the "background" of "prior art" section of the Specification are now clearly in the portion of the Specification which describe the invention, and hence, are no longer AAPA.

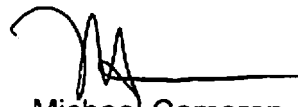
Claims 7 and 21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over "AAPA" in view of US Patent 6,449,473 to Raivisto. Applicant notes that the Specification did not have section headings delineating which portions were "Background" and which portions described the present invention. Applicant has amended the Specification to more clearly define which portions thereof relate to the background of the invention and which portions relate to a description of the invention. Hence, those elements of the present invention which were deemed to be AAPA due to their inclusion in a section of the Specification interpreted as the "background" of "prior art" section of the Specification are now clearly in the portion of the Specification which describe the invention, and hence, are no longer AAPA.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, the Applicant believes all of the claims currently pending in the Application to be in a condition for allowance. The Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw all rejections and issue a Notice of Allowance for all pending claims.

The Applicant requests a telephonic interview if the Examiner has any questions or requires any additional information that would further or expedite the prosecution of the Application.

Respectfully submitted,



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